

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Claims 6 and 15 (Currently Amended)

Claims 1, 3-5, 8, 9, and 16-25 (Previously Amended)

Claims 2, 7, and 10-14 (Original)

Claims 6 and 15 have been amended to correct a typographical error.

Non-Statutory Double Patenting Rejection

The Examiner has provisionally rejected claims 1-5 and 8-20 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-18 respectively of copending Application No. 10/039,636. A terminal disclaimer signed by the attorney for the assignee and fully complying with 37 CFR 1.321(c) and 37 CFR 3.73(b) accompanies this response. Applicant respectfully submits that the outstanding rejection may be properly withdrawn with respect to these claims. Applicant further respectfully submits that because claim 1 is now in condition for allowance, claims 6 and 7 which depend from claim 1 are now allowable. Claims 21-25 are allowable because they depend from claim 16 which is in condition for allowance.

Applicant respectfully submits the present application is in condition for allowance. Such action is earnestly requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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